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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0553
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

LONDON PLEASE PASS TO AMB YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSION OF WALVIS BAY

REF: STATE 088908

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, POLCOUNS INFORMED CONTACT
GROUP APRIL 7 THAT US PLANS NO FURTHER ACTION ON WALVIS
BAY AT THIS TIME. POLCOUNS ALSO MADE OTHER POINTS
CONTAINED PARA ONE REFTTEL. GROUP SEEMED RELIEVED BUT
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OTHERWISE HAD NO FURTHER REACTION.

2. GERMANS STATED THAT THEY WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO
EXPRESS BONN'S BELIEF THAT EVEN IF US DOES NOTHING
FURTHER ON WALVIS BAY, THERE WOULD BE MERIT IN AN
INFORMAL US APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA DESCRIBING CIR-
CUMSTANCES OF US ASSURANCE MADE TO THE FRONTLINE STATES

AND NOTING THAT THE POSITION OF THE FIVE HAS NOT
CHANGED. GERMAN REASONING IS THAT WHEN NUJOMA ARRIVES
IN LAGOS AND IS INFORMED OF THE ASSURANCE, HE MAY WELL
SPEAK PUBLICLY OF IT. GERMANS WOULD LIKE TO HEAD OFF
ANY ADVERSE SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION. BRITISH AND
CANADIANS DISAGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT MATTER SIMPLY BE
ALLOWED TO DISAPPEAR QUIETLY. THEY ADDED THAT IF A
PUBLIC DISCUSSION EVOLVES, THE US MIGHT THEN CONSIDER
EXPLANATORY APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICANS. WE ADVISED THAT
WE WOULD REPORT THESE VIEWS TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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